

REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST UPON THE LIVESTOCK STATISTICS OF  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE YEAR 1930.

I. SHEEP AND WOOL. 1. Number. The sheep flocks on December 31st 1930 numbered 5,980,959 (6,186,252), decrease 205,293. These were classified as follows :- Ewes 3,058,544 (3,194,504), decrease 135,960; Wethers 1,625,405 (1,854,347), decrease 228,942; Rams 86,122 (90,057), decrease 3,935. Under 1 year old 1,210,888 (1,047,344), increase 163,544.

2. Breeds of Sheep. 86.3 (86.8) per cent of the flocks were returned as pure bred Merino and 7.1 (7.0) per cent as Merino Comebacks 0.9 (0.7) per cent as other pure breeds, (Corriedale, Shropshire, Dorset Horn, Lincoln, Romney Marsh, Southdown, Suffolk, etc.), and the balance 5.7 (5.5) per cent were returned as Crossbreds.

3. Lambing, 1930. During the year 1930 2,515,293 (2,778,561) Ewes were mated and 1,427,003 (1,231,710) Lambs marked, equal to a percentage of 56.73 compared with 44.33 for the previous year.

4. Winter Lambing, 1931. 2,462,000 ewes were reported as either mated or intended to be mated for the Winter Lambing of 1931. In addition 152,000 ewes were expected to be reserved for Spring Lambing.

5. Wool-Clip. 6,059,246 (6,617,986) sheep and lambs were shorn the total clip including locks, bellies, pieces, etc. being 53,748,376 (56,083,898) lbs., being a decrease of 2,335,522 lbs. The average weight of fleece for sheep and lambs combined was 8.87 (8.47) and for sheep only 10.19 (9.59) lbs.

6. Total Wool Production. Subject to slight revision of fellmongered wool, it is estimated that the grand total wool production including the clip and wool fellmongered and wool on local skins exported was 63,478,524 (67,300,881) lbs., decrease 3,822,357 lbs. value £1,803,849 (£2,549,021), decrease £745,172, the average value per lb. greasy being 6.82d. (9.09d.)

II. CATTLE. All kinds 218,985 (204,516), increase 14,469. Dairying Cattle 109,672 (104,255), increase 5,417, classified as follows. In milk 79,805 (75,574), Dry 20,406 (21,219), and Heifers springing 9,461 (7,462). In addition there were 13,591 (11,726) other Heifers 1 year and over which are not included in the Dairying Total but which are possible additions to the Dairying Herds.

III. HORSES. 183,529 (189,054). IV. PIGS. 82,991 (74,906).

V. GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL AND LIVESTOCK.

During the year 1930 the percentage to the total of sheep outside Goyder's Line of Rainfall increased from 26.48 to 29.87 Cattle fell 27.02 to 25.01 and Horses increased 24.89 to 26.01. The numbers within and without the line for 1930 were Sheep 4,194,587 and 1,786,372, Cattle 164,206 and 54,779, Horses 135,786 and 47,743.

VI. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF STOCK. The State gained 47,189 head of cattle and 126,301 sheep and lost 1,331 Horses by transit of Stock between States. The total interstate imports were sheep 193,900 Cattle 6,446 and horses 2,511. Net exports of Horses to Oversea Countries 497. (Cattle 53,635, horses 1,180 & exports sheep 67,599).

VII. SLAUGHTERING. Sheep and lambs 1,308,976 (1,242,835), increase 66,141, for export 20,789 (1,568), Cattle 89,585 (117,806), decrease 28,221. Pigs 111,307 (94,950), increase 16,357.

VIII. TOP-DRESSED PASTURE LANDS. There was a decrease during the year of 87,575 acres in the area top-dressed and of 4,599 tons in the manure used. The respective totals were 214,539 (302,114) acres, Manure used 11,102 (15,701) tons.

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31st July, 1931.

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# STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## 1. LIVESTOCK AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1930 IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER 31ST, 1929.

Division	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	PIGS.
	1929	1930	1929	1930	1929	1930
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	1,444,896	1,331,941	77,718	85,110	56,200	42,970
Lower North	979,607	858,189	23,282	24,556	37,842	12,949
Upper North	475,910	501,886	10,914	11,227	12,553	3,618
South Eastern	1,419,304	1,383,228	32,324	33,635	13,549	7,994
Western	686,693	691,973	8,515	9,587	23,435	3,873
Murray Mallee	424,190	396,732	18,949	20,303	29,327	11,539
Total Counties	5,430,600	5,163,949	171,702	184,418	172,906	82,943
Outside Counties	755,652	817,010	32,814	34,567	10,623	48
Total State	6,186,252	5,980,959	204,516	218,985	183,529	82,991
Increase %	-	- 205,293	-	14,469	- 5,525	8,085

## LIVESTOCK WITHIN AND WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL 1929 and 1930.

Year	SHEEP		CATTLE		HORSES	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
WITHIN GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1928	4,495,524	63.50	152,889	58.13	149,367	72.56
1929	4,548,246	73.52	149,246	72.98	141,992	75.11
1930	4,194,587	70.13	164,206	74.99	135,786	73.99
WITHOUT GOYDER'S LINE OF RAINFALL.						
1928	2,584,423	36.50	110,127	41.87	56,498	27.44
1929	1,638,006	26.48	55,270	27.02	47,062	24.89
1930	1,786,372	29.87	54,779	25.01	47,743	26.01

## WOOL PRODUCTION.

Division	WOOL-CLIP.			AVERAGE WEIGHT PLEECE		
	1929-30	1930-31	% Increase	1929-30	1930-31	% Incr.
	lbs.	lbs.		lbs.	lbs.	
Central	12,056,568	11,765,186	- 291,382	8.29	8.44	0.15
Lower North	9,537,395	8,412,480	- 1,124,915	9.13	9.55	0.42
Upper North	5,505,442	4,949,640	- 555,802	8.80	9.71	0.91
South Eastern	10,958,668	11,204,533	245,865	8.02	8.00	-0.02
Western	5,311,284	5,831,681	520,397	7.48	8.19	0.71
Murray Mallee	4,060,726	3,645,962	- 414,764	8.96	9.21	0.25
Total Counties	47,430,083	45,809,482	- 1,620,601	8.39	8.66	0.27
Outside "	8,653,815	7,938,894	- 714,921	8.98	10.35	1.37
Total State	56,083,898	53,748,376	- 2,335,522	8.47	8.87	0.40

Grand Total Wool Production (Clip. Wellmorgered and on skins exported)  
subject to slight revision, 1929-30 67,300,881 lbs., 1930-31  
63,478,524 lbs., decrease 3,822,357 lbs.  
% Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

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